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Think Big!

by Joseph Petrus Wergin, President



"THE STATE OF THE CONGRESS"

It was three years ago, August 6, 1979, that we organized the Congress for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of cribbage & to set up non-profit state and local groups.

As this Cribbage year comes to a close, we look back to our accomplishments. We also look forward to CY-1983.

FIRST CONVENTION & NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: This conclave is scheduled for the Marriott Inn at Milwaukee. The local committee of Dan Weir & Rich Maringer and, of course, their lovely wives are staging an historic event that will long be remembered in the Cribbage World.

SUPER PUBLICITY STUNT: Jack Wunderlich of Lincoln, Nebraska, suggested the idea of a commemorative stamp and already alerted some 13,000 people who signed the petitions that cribbage is of national importance.

We must continue soliciting ONE MILLION signatures and, in addition, we must conduct a letter-writing campaign on Washington to get our stamp issued.

MEMBERSHIP: Last year's membership was almost doubled with the actual percentage of increase being 73%. Anxious people have already been signing up for next year which officially begins September 1st.

To help cover increased costs and to enlarge the newsletter, the Board voted to increase the dues to \$3.00 per year for adult members and up to \$5.00 for the married couple. The dues are very modest compared to a west coast based group which charges ten dollars per year.

NATIONAL RATING SYSTEM: There is a greater interest in ratings than ever before. A few changes were made this year, the most important of which is the assignment of master points for the Consolation Tournament on a 50% basis.

As the 21-game qualifying series is a real test of cribbage skill, the Directors will consider several plans in that category.

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: During the year we had printed and distributed about 6,000 copies of our Official Playing Rules. The mandatory cut after the completion of the shuffle has been well received. A couple of items which were mislaid by the printer will be inserted into a future newsletter for cutout and pasting into the rule booklets.

THE HALL OF FAME: The Executive Committee met several times already to establish guidelines to select persons deserving to be recognized for their outstanding efforts in the play and promotion of cribbage.

It is expected that four people will be selected this year at the annual Board meeting at Raleigh. Those chosen will be inducted at the Awards Banquet in Milwaukee. Probably three will be added next year.

MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD: Competition has been keen with fourteen couples on the ballot for the 1982 honors. The winning couple will be announced and honored at the Convention banquet.

CRIBADIER GENERALS: The Honorable Bronson C. LaFolette, a great-grandson of the great senator from Wisconsin and the present Attorney General of Wisconsin, was commissioned a Cribadier General by yours truly, for his contribution on the legality of our tournaments. CG LaFollette is an avid cribbage player and is well aware of the skill required to win a game, much less win a tournament.

The Honorable Order is gaining momentum and a committee is working on the selection of a patch or a jacket designed for official wear.

STATE & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS: During CY-1982 the states of Colorado and Nebraska organized state groups and have elected a slate of officers. Their committees are working on a model for other states to follow....

These are being setup to include county & local levels.

AWARDS PROGRAM: At the Milwaukee Convention in September the Congress will honor people who have made great contributions to the game of cribbage. Awards will be conferred for the person signing up the most members in CY-1982, to Mr & Mrs Cribbage World, to the person securing the most

signatures on stamp petitions, to the top rated players, to the All American Men's & Women's teams, and to the Hall of Famers.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: A judge and two attorneys are busy working on the revision of the Constitution which in its present form is ambiguous and in places unworkable. As soon as the work is accomplished and accepted, it will be printed and distributed to members.

JUNIOR PROGRAM: The 1982 tournament again was staged in Massachusetts as that is the leading state promoting cribbage for our youth. There is an interest being generated in Illinois and Nebraska as well as Wisconsin. In Shorewood, a Milwaukee suburb, several schools have interscholastic tourneys.

PUBLICITY: The writer was interviewed over radio stations several times during the year and many clippings of cribbage items were forwarded from all sections to the secretary. The media really became interested and excited about our commemorative stamp petition program. The petition signing made a lot of new and good contacts for our program,

CRIBBAGE WORLD NEWSLETTER: Growth has been limited because of finances available. However, with the extra dollars in dues, Secretary Arblaster will be able to expand his project. It has been taking 10 to 21 days after mailing the newsletter that people receive it. For those who want it promptly, the secretary has announced that it will be mailed first class if an extra three dollars is sent in.

CONVENTION '83 AND 2ND ANNUAL TOURNAMENT: A strong bid has already been made by a Las Vegas Hotel and groups in St Paul, Chicago, Orlando and Los Angeles have shown an in-

terest in hosting our tournament and convention one year hence. The shortcoming of the Las Vegas bid is the fact that we do not many members in Nevada.

Board members have taken the position that the tournament and convention should be moved around regionally and a number of them have indicated that they would like to see it staged somewhere in New England. The original home of cribbage in America is in those states and a large percentage of the population play the game every week. The Congress has some outstanding leaders in that section of the country and would be very receptive to an invitation.

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS: There was an increase in tournament participation this CY with St Paul attracting 292 players early in February with Everett Bey and his World Championship meet bringing out 322 peggers. The Masters Classic in Madison was up 43%. A tournament was staged in Alaska at Skagway for the first time.

New sites scheduled for CY-1983 include Oshkosh & LaCrosse in Wisconsin & a tournament in the San Jose area is also on the agenda. Almost every week, headquarters receives inquiries regarding how to organize, sanction or conduct a tournament. This writer's office has served as a clearing house for dates so that conflicts can be avoided.

SUMMARY: The Congress has taken great strides in the past year and has become strongly entrenched as the leading cribbage organization in the United States... All programs have enjoyed great success & have become popular with the membership. Your administration has great plans for CY-1983....

ELECTION RESULTS

Of the 39 candidates up for the office of Director, Jack Wunderlich of Lincoln, topped them all with 159 votes. Jack is a relatively newcomer to organized cribbage but he became an immediate favorite with his "Think Big" idea of petitioning for a commemorative cribbage stamp.

The next big vote-getter was handsome Don Tofte, our cribbage rules test administrator, from Madison. Don received 154 votes. A vote for Don was a vote for the All-American boy.

Ballots were cast by 25 percent of the membership, 581 ballots from 2293 members. Not such a hot showing considering the candidates represented just about every section of the country from Maine to California; from Oregon to Florida and reaching out to Hawaii, Alaska and up to Ontario, Canada. The last election (1981) ballots came in from 34 percent of the membership.

Remember that little twitch that was mentioned in the May edition about the bylaws? Where it is written, "no more than four from any one state or province can be in office at the same time." Wisconsin has two Directors on the Board for one more year and there were four Badgers on this ballot. You guessed it, it really happened. Three of the Badger candidates received enough votes to end up in the top thirteen but the rules state only two can make it. So it is low man out. The low man out just happens to be Bob Julian the all-round good guy from the Beer City of Milwaukee.

The ruling benefited young Scott Kooistra, the Kalamazoo Kid, who gets in thru the side door with 105 votes. It's the rule....

- ELECTION RESULTS

Jack Wunderlich	159	Lincoln,	NE
Don Tofte	154	Madison,	WI
Dagg Henderson	137	Groton,	\mathtt{CT}
Rich Maringer	129	Greendale,	WI
Dick Graham	128	Englewood,	CO
Bob Madsen	126	Chicago,	IL
John Chambers	124	Providence,	RI
Dave McGuire	121	Kissimmee,	FL
Charlene Abbey	118	Anchorage,	AK
Jeff Shimp	116	Allegan,	MI
(Bob Julian)	(115)	(Milwaukee,	WI)
Nelson Pendergast	109	Albany,	NY
Peggy Pritchett	109	Cupertino,	CA
Scott Kooistra	105	Kalamazoo,	MI

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of the fiscal year Congress member ship was a hefty 2293. That's a 74 percent increase over last year. However, it was far short of our goal "3002 in 1982" about 700 short....

For the first time in three years we met our goal of "Members in Every State." That's members in each of the 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska, and that's growing. Next year the goal is upped to at least "Ten Members in Every State." That will be a toughie. There I go again, sticking your necks out.. You know some members really get out there & give it their all. Midway thru this season the state of Nebraska had only one member. Then along comes Jack Wunderlich and now Nebraska has well over 100 members. All by himself, Nelson Pendergast of Albany, more than doubled the membership of NY state. And we all know it was Dick Kurz who put the City of Racine, Wisconsin over the century barrier & that is quite a feat in itself. No other city can boast of 100 members. Lincoln, Nebraska came the closest to joining the Century Club with 88 members.

Final Count 1981-82:

WI	_	416	RI - 55	NM -	10	WV - 2
CA	_	190	CT - 51	MT -	9	AR - 1
MA		162	OR - 41	TN -	7	DE - 1
		161	GA - 39	KS -	6	KY - 1
MN	-	159	WA - 19	SD -	6	MS - 1
		107	ID - 18	VT -	6	ND - 1
		104	NJ - 17	AK -	5	UT - 1
IL	_	98	IN - 16	MD -	5	WY - 1
		91	PA - 16	MO -	5	CAN -21
MI			HI - 15	TX -	5	BWI - 2
CO	-	78	NV - 15	AZ -	4	E <u>NG - 2</u>
NC	-	73	SC - 15	AL -	3	= 2293
			OH - 12	LA -	2	, ,
VA	-	61	NH - 11	OK -	2	



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HOME of the VFW Post 1031 the true Cribbage Haven of the Midwest . . .

July 1st, 1982

- MASTER POINT PARADE

Thirty of the thirty-one sanctioned tournaments are included in the statistics below. Again, we do not have a full report on the Beer City Open. They sent in the results of the Consolation tournament but we are still waiting for the list of players who participated in the main event before the report is complete. It would be a sad day in Mudville if someone missed making the All American team because of an incomplete report, and a mere ten points.

Sorry, we did not have time to wait, that's if we are to get this edition in the mail before the end of the month. Our newsletters have been running late for the past several months. Maybe we'll catch up one day....

1234567	Ervin Patrin Wendell Riherd Donald Rhode Ralph Madsen Iris Fuller Allen Callstrom Fred Tilker	St Paul, Forest City, Marinette, Crystal Lake, Denver, Northfield, Madison,	CO MN WI	601.48 579.56 504.97 436.48 412.40 402.19 375.43
8 9	Jim Lorelan Leonard Davy	Little Canada, Madison,	MN	365.83 359.98
10	Lloyd Coulter Dottie Schwedrs		CA WI	351.02 334.14
12	Warren Bush	Santa Clara,	CA	319.51
13	George Butscher	Santa Clara,		317.02
14	Hugh Drake	Ridgecrest,	CA	307.02
	Larry Franzwa	St Paul,	MN	301.67
16	Gene Biegler	West Bend,	WI	300.23
17	Vic Lyngaas	Middleton,		293.22
18	Norm Wright	Madison,	WI	291.92
19	John Troska	Mendota Hts,	MN	
20	Peggy Pritchett	Cupertino,	CA	289.02
21	Allan Lichty	Des Moines,		286.89
22	Nick Pond	Raleigh,	NC	281.67
23	Norby Kniech	Brown Deer,	WI	274.87

- MASTER POINT PARADE

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24	Robert Beguin	Ottawa,	IL	268.27
25	Joe Guion	St Paul,	MN	267.67
26	Jeffrey Shimp	Allegan,	MI	266.65
27	Pete Kufahl	Brokaw,	WI	263.82
28	Robert Taylor	St Paul,	MN	259.67
29	Ron Logan	Quincy,	CA	259.02
30	Bob Immel	Northfield,	MN	256.77
31	Jeff Clark	Antioch,	IL	255.21
32	Dennis Morelan		MN	253.67
33	Daniel Weir	Greendale,	WI	249.88
34	Arnold Crews	Jacksonville,	FL	249.73
35	Jerome Knebel	Nashotah,	WI	242.27
36	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta,	WI	240.90
37	Clyde Heggedah		MN	235.67
38	Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee,	WI	233.40
39	Bill Beckfeld	Eden Prairie,	MN	229.67
40	Bill Christoff		WI	224.43
41	Robert McCabe	Brown Deer,	WI	215.02
42	Joe Bernard	Libertyville,	ÏĹ	213.27
43	Cnute Holmes	Des Moines,	ĪĀ	212.35
44	Russ Flint	Palatine,	IL	212.27
45			WI	211.40
	Leo Schwedrsky		WI	209.07
46	Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay,		
47	Jack Picard	Brown Deer,	WI	199.54
48	Russ Kluth	Kaukauna,	WI	194.16
49	John Mitchell	Racine,	WI	193.21
50	Tom Opalewski	Milwaukee,	WI	192.82

- ALL AMERICAN LADIES -

1	Iris Fuller	Denver,	CO	412.40
2	Dot Schwedrsky Ly	mdon Sta,	WI	334.14
3	Peggy Pritchett (Supertino,	CA	289.02
4	Alvina Smith Ly	mdon Sta,	WI	240.90
5	Pat Kufahl	Brokaw,	WI	176.27
6	Judy John I	Marinette,	WI	153.55
7	Pat O'Connor	Dedham,	MA	153.40
8	Lois Tenge	Pewaukee,	WI	139.27
9	Bern Christensen S	Sunnyvale,	CA	128.28
10	Doris Donalies Uni	ion Grove,	WI	125.44

- COMMEMORATIVE STAMP -

Jack Wunderlich of Lincoln first introduced the idea of a commemorative stamp but it was Prez Joseph P. Wergin who picked up the ball and ran with it from there.

Joe says, "please bear in mind the petitions and signatures must continue until the job is done."

Joe has submitted over 13,000 signatures to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C and he has written two letters. The first letter suggested the 29-hand logo be depicted on the stamp. Everyone in all Cribbagedom thought that was a grand idea. However, thru the grapevine came word, from some friends of cribbage, that playing cards would never be pictured on US postal stamps. So, wise ol Joe went in with another letter and more signatures and recommended an old beat-up cribbage board be depicted rather than the perfect hand. Now everyone agrees our chances are better.

That's the way it stands at present. So in the meantime write in for more petition forms and then get out and gather more signatures.

Below is a list of members who have garnered 200 or more signatures. Those members who submit 436 signatures or more will be dubbed members of "The 436 Club." Those submitting 1000 or more will be presented a Certificate of Appreciation/Achievement, which by the way is on the drawing board.

Why, The 436 Club? Simple. One million signatures divided by 2293 members = equals = 436 signatures each.... If you secure 436 signatures, then you will have done your fair share....

- COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

200 or more signatures:

1	Phyllis Schmidt	1171	Williamstown, MA
2	Edwin Nartowicz	601	So Deerfield, MA
3	Marion Quackenbush	549	Lawrenceville, PA
4	Jack Wunderlich	440	Lincoln, NE
5	John Chambers	419	Providence, RI
6	Dick Kurz	418	Racine, WI
7	Gerd Henken	350	Garner, IA
8	Ken Lessmiller	322	Green Bay, WI
9	Joe W. Guion	295	
10	George Dean	265	
11	Peter Dukes	264	Madison, WI
12	Morris Pendleton	249	Madison, WI
13	Gene Biegler	248	West Bend, WI
14	Ken Stafford	233	Mauldin, SC
15	Charles #1 Messina	228	Lynn, MA
16	Larry Flink	224	Odebolt, IA
17	Ed Kloeppel	221	St Paul, MN
18	Rose Zelenka	212	Milwaukee, WI



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- DAVE QUIRK, JR KING -

The American Cribbage Congress National Jr Tournament officials crowned David Quirk of Dorchester, Massachusetts, as Jr Champion for 1982. Timmy O'Connor, The Dedham whiz, was the runner-up. Timmy is the son of proud parents Frank & Pat O'Connor our Youth Program coordinators.

The 2nd annual Jr event was staged in Jamaica Plain in Massachusetts. For the second year in a row, no other states were represented.. Juniors from other states had submitted applications but failed to show-up, some due to transportation mix-ups.

Here is a list of Winners and Runners-up by age groups ten thru seventeen years old:

10	-	Nicki O'Connor James Flaherty	W. Roxbury, Quincy,	
11	-	David Quirk * Thad Lepcio	Dorchester, Dedham,	
12	-	Jim Smart Lisa Palmer	Dedham, W. Springfield,	
13	-	Timmy O'Connor Julie Mullen	Dedham, Dorchester,	
14	-	Robbie James Marjoria O'Connor	Feeding Hills, Dedham,	
15	-	Kevin Mullen	Dorchester,	MA
16		Ken Murray	Dedham,	MA

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Robbie Teehan

Rich Murra

Susan Quinn

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"LEAGUE SANCTIONING" By John Chambers

This article concerns a concept which needs improvement by the Congress. The concept is league sanctioning which will not only benefit the league players, with programs similar to those enjoyed by the tournament players, but will also benefit the Congress.

Being an untapped reservoir for membership, sanctioning leagues will give us another potential for growth, as well as having one advantage over the tournament program. The league can be more effective in reaching & mobilizing its members for certain programs, such as the Commemorative Stamp Petitions. For example, the Rhode Island Cribbage League plays nine months (Sept - June) out of the year. Within that nine month period, each member is readily accessible if called upon for any involved activity such as the aforementioned petitions.

I am not suggesting that we diminish our efforts in the tournament program. I am suggesting that more effort be exerted into the area of league sanctioning, since the tournament program is sufficiently established, while the league program is almost non-existent.

In the beginning the Congress asked the members for information concerning existing tournaments & offered assistance in the starting of new tournaments. We now ask members for information pertaining to existing leagues and also offer assistance in setting up leagues. With your help we can and will establish a healthy league program throughout the Congress. Let's get started before the interest in leagues diminishes to zero.

"LEAGUE SANCTIONING"

The league "Index Rating" system, to mention only one facet of league play, is the equivalent of the Master Point system that is so popular throughout the Congress right now. The league "Index Rating" system will do for league-play what the Master Point has done for the tournament players.

We originally intended to have an All American Cribbage team for leagues as well as for tournaments play.

If there is to be a sanctioning body for leagues then let it be the American Cribbage Congress.

If you are interested in joing in and have any questions, suggestions or idea pertaining to the operation of leagues, please write to: John Chambers, 34 Homestead Ave, Esmond, RI 02917.

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TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

Name(s)					
Address					
City	StateZip				
Registration Fee(s)	(52.00) \$				
After September 1st	(56.00)				
Insurance Plan #2	(25.00)				
Insurance Plan #1	(10.00)				
Dues, Individual	(3.00)				
Dues, Married Couple	(5.00)				
Junior Dues (Under 1	8) (1.00)				
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Name(s)					
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AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS Post Office Box 565 Kissimmee, FL 32741					
I agree to abide by the rules & regulations of the American Cribbage Congress.					
Signed:					

- TOURNAMENT TRAIL

AUGUST 28-29: 2nd Annual Illinois Championship at Ramada O'Hare Inn in Chicago. Registration fee \$31.00 with optional insurance plan \$10.00. For information: Bob Madsen, 7441 N. Osceola, Chicago, IL 60648. Last chance for Master Points CY 1981-82.

AUGUST 28-29: Montana State Championship at Missoula. Entry fee \$31.00. Last chance for west coast players to score Master Points for CY 1981-82. For info: DeLynn Colvert, 725 W. Alder, Missoula, MT 59802.

SEPTEMBER 18-19: American Cribbage Congress 1st Annual Championship at Marriott Inn (375 S. Mooreland Rd) Brookfield, WI 53003. Telephone (414) 786-1100. Cribbage players will save 35% off regular room rates. Reservations to be accepted must be accompanied by \$25.00 deposit or made on a guaranteed basis. Write: American Cribbage Congress, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

OCTOBER 2: Wine Country Championship at Napa, California. Entry fee \$46.00 includes fees for Singles, Doubles, Lunch, Awards Banquet more. Write: Napa Rotary Club, PO Box 493, Napa, CA 94558.

OCTOBER 2: Valley Cribbage Classic at the Holiday Inn at Oshkosk, WI. Entry fee \$21. with optional insurance at \$10.00. Valley Cribbage Assn, 1014 Grand Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

OCTOBER 3: West Bend Classic at the Historic Washington House in West Bend, WI. Entry Fee \$26.00 with optional insurance at \$10.00... Gene Biegler, Box 862, West Bend, WI 53095. The Oshkosh & West Bend tournaments are a natural tie-in...

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

OCTOBER 9-10: Colorado State Championship Candelwood Country Club of Denver. Entry fee for Singles \$26.00. Write to: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 80110. Doubles on Sunday at \$20. per head.

OCTOBER 16: California State Championship sponsored by northern California members of the American Cribbage Congress. To be played in the San Jose area. For information: Peggy Pritchett, 10129F So. Blaney Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014 or Hal Sontag, 3194 Mattos Ave, San Jose, CA 95132....

NOVEMBER 7: Sixth Annual Dante Club Cribbage Tournament in West Springfield, MA... Usually double-elimination reserved for the first 128 entries. Info: George Bickford, 35 Elbert Rd, Agawam, Mass 01001.

NOVEMVER 10: GOLDEN AGE GAMES Cribbage Tournament at Civic Center in Sandord, FL. Wednesday at 1:00 PM. For entry blank send \$1.00 to Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, PO Drawer CC, Sanford, FL 32771. Contestants must be 55 years old or older.

NOVEMBER 20-21: Florida Open at Elks Lodge in Orlando, FL. Entry fee \$26.00 with \$10. insurance plan optional. Players Choice Pairs will also be in effect. For information write to: Florida Cribbage Assn, PO Rox 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

FEBRUARY 19: 2nd Annual Cerebral Palsy Tournament at Elks Lodge #1786, Willows, CA. Singles and Doubles events on tap. For information or entry form write to: Carl E. Martens, PO Box 646, Willows, CA 95988.

FEBRUARY 26-27: MGM Classic at Green Bay, WI

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